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BANANA PLANTATIONS.

The Once Despised Fruit Now a Never-

Failing Source of Income. The banana and the plantain have always formed one of the staple foods of tropical countries. Improved communication and an ever-increasing demand for the banana here, gave, some fourteen years ago, a great impetus to its cultivation. The sugar-planter of the West Indies was gradually but surely being ruined by beet and bounty-fed sugars. The banana was with him a tree to be hated. In Jamaica every negro had a few planted in the small clearing round his hut, and a bunch of the fruit would feed him and his family for a week. When so provided he saw no need to go out | His Mother." to work in the cane fields. The planter had foreseen this, and with the abolition of slavery disappears the banana, plantain and cocoa-nut trees. At first the banana-walks were made anywhere on the estate; generally on abandoned cane-fields, which cost less to clean, but experience has taught the planter that certain sites suit the tree best.

The best place for a banana-walk is a valley or hillside having a western prospect. The large leaves attract the dew, and in the early mornings a patch of bananas looks as if it were encrusted with diamonds. These drops of dew are soon evaporated by the morning sun, but if the trees are moisture.

The ground for the intended patch is thoroughly cleaned and "stubbed." The "suckers" must be obtained, as the banana is only known to seed in one small spot on the earth, the Andaman Islands. These "suckers" sprous from the root of the banana-tree when it is one year old. They are torn from the parent tree and may be shipped long distances, being hardy and long-lived. About 400 or 500 trees are planted to the acre, and now the chief care is to see that the weeds, and especially the creeping ones, are kept down; otherwise they will soon choke the young plant.

The banana tree bears fruit in its first year. The bunch, hangs down on stem which springs from the tree under its frond of leaves. This gle cone, 1

walk exposes one to the equiva-case of a thorough rain-drenching. As each bunch becomes full, but still green, the tree is chopped down with one or two blows from a "machete," great care being taken that the fruit is not they died by shaving off their eyebruised. The bunch is then carried on the head of a negro to the dray that balmed, too, and I know of no quainter carries it down to the port. The bunches are packed between layers of "trash," and on being unloaded from the drays are sorted into "nines," "eights," etc.; that is to say, into in at least one of the Khedive's palaces "hand bunches" of those numbers. A "hand" of bananas is one of the small portions that go to make up a bunch.

Bananas are paid for with ready money on the beach, according to the number of "hands" and the time of year. In January, February and March they cost from 12 to 18 cents a bunch; in April, May and June from 48 to 72 cents. In a good year a bunch of bananas costs 4 cents to land at the beach, all expenses included. The planter has his risks, however. A hurricane will in an hour destroy every tree, and for that year the cultivation is, of 000 a day, coming from 635,256 percourse, a dead loss. In Jamaica and Honduras at least the thefts by the negroes form a large item. Landed in New York the bunches bring from 50 cents to \$2, according to the time of year and the size of the bunch.

As soon as the banana begins to give a good shade the spaces between the trees are planted with cocoa, a tree that must have shelter from the sun. Almond trees and the flamboyant are also planted to give the shade for the cocoa when the bananas have ceased of columbine. The figured cards were to bear profitably; that is, in three or four years .- N. Y. Tribune.

-It is told that one day, going down to Gloucester, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes sat in the front seat of the car and entertained a fellow-passenger with some of his brilliant talk. A countryman, sitting in the little corner seat before them, overheard the conversation, and finally leaned over, took the autocrat's hat, looked at the number inside, then his own, and said, very demurely: "I read something in the paper the other day about the size of great men's heads, and I thought I'd like to know the size of your'n. But what bothers me is my head's the biggest of the two!"

-Manuring in the hill is a trifle like heaping manure about the stem of a that in nine cases out of ten the regfruit tree. Better spread it out as far as the roots extens.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

-A frog sixteen inches long is reported to have been captured at Orlando, Fla., during a recent heavy

-The sale of eyestones is brisker in March than in any other month. The "stones" are the mouthpiece of a certain species of shell which is gathered in great quantities on the Venezuela coast.

-Lake Superior is said to be the most ancient of the great lakes, dating | ing their virtue, and foreseeing their popback to Cambrian, and, it may be, earlier times, and that it formed in other ages one of the sources of a great river system, terminating on the Atlantic seaboard.

-A teacher in a public school not a hundred miles from Philadelphia received the following excuse from an overgrown boy, who had been absent a day: "Miss-Pleas exguse Frank for bean absent yesterday as he had to help his father kill the other hog

-An Englishman has produced a piece of mechanism containing four hundred figures representing horses. cannon, artillery, infantry, and a band of fifty-two men, each with an instrument. A tiny wind-mill turned by the current from burning candles furnishes the power to move all the figures automatically.

-The average Russian is said to drink from ten to twelve glasses of tea a day. Every Russian merchant has a tea-urn in his counting-room, and the lawyer or mechanic goes out to his cafe for tea as often as the German for beer or the Frenchman for wine. shaded the plant absorbs most of the At the cafes at all hours of the day and night one can see great crowds of dignity to that distinguished order than to people sipping tea.

-As the north-bound express train pulled out of the station at Norman, I. T. recently the passengers were treated to the sight of a lynching by the citizens of that town. The people had captured a horse thief and taken to remedies, especially Warner's Safe Cure, him to a telegraph pole near the railroad to hang him. It was daylight, and none of the lynchers were disguised. Just as the train started the man was benefits in most of the ailments of the hu strung up.

-The Surrogate of Suffolk County. New York, lately admitted to probate a rather novel will, that of Richard L. Peters, of Southold, L. I. It directs the investment of a sum of money, the income of which shall be used in keeping his grave covered with growing der which ha for one hundred years. The rincipal to be used to erect a monument and celebrate the centennial of

> his death. -In Egypt ladies used to carry their devotion for their feline pets so far as to go into mourning for them when brows! Favorite cats used to be emor more grotesque objects than the mummified cats which may be seen at the British Museum. Even now cats are held in high esteem in Egypt, and at Cairo there is a free ration distributed every day to any cats that may care to apply.

-The British Postmaster-General reports that last year 391,662 persons in this country sent money by postal order to relatives in Great Britain and Ireland, the total sum amounting to \$5,250,000, while 78,340 persons in Canada sent over \$1,000,000 in the same way, and the total sum sent in that way from Australia, the United States and South Africa in the year was over \$9,000,000, or an average of over \$30,-

-"Notes and Queries" tells that ards, which were invented at the close of the fourteenth century, were originally very different from those in use at present. In shape they were square, and instead of suits of spades, clubs, hearts and diamonds, their marks were rabbits, pinks, roses and flowers very prettily devised, a queen riding on horseback with a rabbit beside her, marked the queen of rabbits or of clubs. A rustic-looking man, grotesquely dressed and standing in a strange attitude, with a pink beside him, signified the knave of pinks or diamonds.

-At a hearing before the Committee of Education of the Michigan Legislature on the subject of the effect of tobacco on youths, it was stated that in reply to circulars two hundred doctors had each cited one or more cases of boys being dwarfed, made insane, killed or rendered incapable of speech. The professors of Michigan University testified that otherwise bright students were made dull and stupid by the use of the eigaretts, and that in many cases the power of hearing had been seriously affected. They also said ular use of cigarettes by boys would result in the loss of will power.

"EDITOR'S BACK STAIRS."

The Interesting Views of the Late Dr. J. G. Holland.

The columns of the newspapers appear to be flooded with proprietary medicine advertisements. As we cast our eye over them. it brings to mind an article that was published by the late Dr. Holland in Scribner's Monthly. He says: "Nevertheless, it is a fact that many of the best proprietary medicines of the day were more successful than many physicians, and most of them, it should be remembered, were at first discovered or used in actual medical practice. When, however, any shrewd person, knowularity, secures and advertises them, then, in the opinion of the bigoted, all virtue went out of them.'

Is not this absurd! This great man appreciated the real merits of popular remedies, and the absurdity of those that dended them because public attention was called to the article and the evidence of the sures. If the most ad announce that he had noted physic any certain organ or dismade z etu ease of the body, or make his sign larger than the code size, though he may have practiced medicine and been a leader in all medical counsels, notwithstanding all this, if he should presume to advertise and decline to give his discovery to the public, he would be pronounced a quack and a humbug, although he may have spent his entire life and all his available funds in perfecting his investigations.

Again we say, "absurd." If an ulcer is found upon one's arm, and is cured by some dear old grandmother, outside of the code, it will be pronounced by the medical profession an ulcer of little importance. But if treated under the code, causing sleepless a lits for a month, with et to ment, viz., plasters, the scien morphine, arsenic washes. ubstances, given to prevent and other blood poisoning or deiden pain, and yet the ulcer becomes malignant, and amputation is made necessary at last to save life, yet all done according to the "isms" of the medical code, this is much more gratifying to the medical profession, and adds more be cured by the dear old grandmother's remedy.

This appears like a severe arraignment, yet we believe Frat it expresses the true standing of the medical profession in regard to remedies discovered outside of their which we first for sale everywhere. The physician of he highest standing is ready to concede its here and sustain the theories the proprietorsing o made-that is, that it man system because it assists in putting the kidneys in proper condition, thereby aiding in throwing off the impurities of the blood. while others toth less honesty and experlence deride, and are willing to see their patient die scientifically, and according to the code, rather than have him cured by this great remedy.

Yat we notice that the popularity of the flowers. Another request is that a Phe discoverer comes boldly before the peotends beyond the fruit, ending sum be invested at compound interest ple with its ments, and proclaims them ple cone, under which the for one hundred years. The principal from door in our opinion much more in our opinion much more physician who, perof an arm or a finger, which he does with great dignity, yet very soon after takes the iberty to climb the editor's back stairs at 2 y'clock in the morning to have it announced in the morning paper that "Dr. So-and so was in attendance," thus securing for his benefit a beautiful and free advertisement. We shall leave it to our readers to say which is the wiser and more honorable.

M. CARNOT, President of the French Republic, is a whist player of whist players. It is the one relaxation he allows himself from the duties of his office, barring an occasional visit to the theater or the

At Troy. N. V., 16,000 persons work on collars and cuffs, and their wages are \$4.500,000 annually.

A Mississippi company have received an order for 40,000,000 wooden butter dishes from a St. Louis house.

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THE MARKETS.

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